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A Letter written by Mr. G. from Rome, to Mr. M. at *Munſter*.

Sir,

I Write you an impartial Account of what paſs'd in the Conſiſtorial Congregation held here the 23d of this Month, to examine the Validity or Invalidity of the Elections made at Munſter the End of Auguſt and the 30th of September.

That Congregation was compos'd of 26 Cardinals and Prelates, and was empower'd to conſult on an important Affair that has made ſo great a Noiſe in the World, but not to decide it, the Pope reſerving that to himſelf after they ſhould make their Report to him. It may be ſaid of this Congregation, *quot Capita tot Senſus*, for they were divided into Eleven different Opinions, which were reduc'd into 4 Claſſes.

In the firſt Claſs were 7 Perſons intirely devoted to France and modern Spain. The Cardinal de la Trimouille, a Frenchman, and Succeſſor at Rome of Cardinal Janſon de Fourbin. Cardinal Giudici, a Spaniard in the Intereſt of the Houſe of Bourbon, born at Naples. Cardinal Caſſoni, a great Friend of Meſſieurs Plettenberg and Furſtenberg. Cardinal Pignatelli Archbiſhop of Naples, who dares not act but as directed by France. Cardinal Prioli devoted to France. Monſigr. Corradini, a Neapolitan, Monſigr. Paſſionei. Of theſe 7 Voices, 5 are abſolute, in favour of the Biſhop of Paderborn, viz. Trimouille, Giudici, Caſſoni, Prioli, and Corradini. Pignatelli and Paſſionei's Voices were very equivocal, they having added, that if the Biſhop of Paderborn was not confirm'd, the Biſhop of Oſnabrug ought to be confirm'd.

The ſecond Claſs, tho' intirely devoted to France, is more againſt the Biſhop of Paderborn than for him; becauſe they ſuppoſe his Elections to be Defective, and adviſe the ſupplying of thoſe Defects. Their Names are, Cardinal Ottoboni, who has openly engag'd in the Intereſts of France. Cardinal Panciatici, a Florentine, and an avow'd Partiſan of France. Cardinal Sacripanti, who leans towards the two Crowns. Cardinal Panfili, a Roman, who leans the ſame Way. Monſigr. Sergandi: Monſigr. Minotti. Both Companions of Cardinal Ottoboni. Father Damaſceno, a Conventual Monk, a Creature of Cardinal Ottoboni's. Theſe 7 Voices being only Conditional, the Biſhop of Paderborn may rather fear than hope any thing from them: They are defective if rightly conſider'd, ſeeing 'tis neceſſary to ſupply their Deficiency.

The third Claſs are of Opinion that neither of the Elections ought to be confirm'd, but that the Biſhoprick ought to be conferr'd on the Biſhop of Oſnabrug. They are, Cardinal Carpegna, Cardinal Pauluzzi, Cardinal Nerli; Cardinal Imperiale, who added it ought to be further examin'd, whether it would be beſt to confirm the Biſhop of Oſnabrug; Monſigr. Olivieri, Monſigr. Anſaldi. Theſe 6 Prelates have no Dependance on forreign Potentates, their Voices are abſolute, and founded on the German Concordats in which are theſe expreſs Terms. 'It is our Pleaſure likewiſe, (ſays the Pope) that in 'the Metropolitan and Cathedral Churches, even 'thoſe that are not immediately Subject to the holy 'Apoſtolical Chair, Elections ſhall be canonically 'made and preſented to the ſaid Chair, which we 'will expect within the Time preſcrib'd by the 'Conſtitution of Pope Nicholas III of bleſſed Memory, which begins with the Word *Cupientes*. 'Which Time being elaps'd, if thoſe Elections have 'not been preſented, or if preſented are not duely 'Canonical, we will ourſelves provide; and if they 'are Canonical we will confirm them; unleſs that 'for evident Cauſe, and by the Advice of our ſaid 'Brethren (the Cardinals) we ſhall think we ought 'to provide a Perſon more worthy and more uſeful 'to the Church, &c.

The 6 Voices of the 4th Claſs are abſolute for confirming the Biſhop of Oſnabrug. They are, Cardinal Altieri, Cardinal Grimani, Monſigr. Becchetti, Monſigr. Albani, Monſigr. Nuzzi, Monſigr. Gozzadini. Of theſe 6. only Cardinal Grimani has any Dependance on the Imperial Court.

So that there are 12 Voices abſolutely in Favour of the Biſhop of Oſnabrug; againſt 5 abſolute, 2 equivocal, and 7 conditional Votes, upon which the Party of Paderborn crys Victory. 'Tis certain however, that the Affair is not decided, that the Pope has reſerv'd to himſelf the Deciſion of it, and that probably he will cauſe it to be reexamin'd.

I have faithfully related the Fact, without offering to judge of the Right, becauſe I have not eſpous'd either Party;

Tros, Rutuluſve fuat, nullo diſcrimine habebo.

Rome, Dec. 25. 1706. I am, Sir, &c.

A Letter written by Mr. H. from the Hague, to Mr. N. at Munſter.

Sir,

YOU would have oblig'd me in not putting me upon informing you about a Trifle that does not deſerve the leaſt Regard. You muſt really be of a very inquiſitive Temper, to be deſirous to know what we think of *the Letter written by Mr. G. from Rome to Mr. M. at Munſter*: But if you would have me continue to be your Correſpondent, leave me to chooſe Matter, if you pleaſe; or at leaſt don't be ſo urgent in things not worth the while. Had it not been for you, I ſhould by this time have forgotten, that there was one *Mr. G. at Rome*; and that that worthy Gentleman has undertaken to collect the Chat of the *Piazza Navona* and ſend it as News to his Friend at Munſter. Hitherto his Letter has not had the Succeſs he promis'd himſelf. He has not been able to perſwade any Man of his *Impartiality*, tho' he has taken the Pains to make Oſtentation of it in the Beginning and at the End of his Letter, where to ſhew his great Reading and profound Erudition he has thought proper to quote a Verſe from Virgil, which he very improperly applies to his pretended Sincerity. That Sincerity muſt be great, ſince it obliges him to make 12 Opinions of but 4, as you may ſee by the Liſt I ſend you, which is copied Word for Word from the Original come from Rome, from a Perſon not to be ſuſpected, but more ſincere or better inform'd than honeſt Mr. G. I can't conceive how he could imagine to be believ'd on his Word, againſt ſo many Perſons of Honour, who being in no Intereſt but that of Truth, have ſent hither and to other Places, quite contrary Relations to what he has the Aſſurance to affirm. And yet leſs can I conceive how 'tis poſſible, that deſiring to be thought impartial, he ſhould accuſe of Corruption and Injuſtice illuſtrious Cardinals and worthy Prelates, whom his Holineſs would not have choſen to examine ſo important an Affair, had he not been well perſwaded of their Probity and Integrity. If Mr. G. be to be believ'd, of all the Cardinals and Prelates who gave their Voices for his Highneſs the Biſhop of Paderborn, not one was acted by Motives of his own Conſcience. According to him, they are wicked Judges whom Worldly Deſigns prompted to betray their Honour, Duty, and Juſtice; and 'tis likely they will always paſs for ſuch in the Opinion of our *Novelliſt*, till they have chang'd their Minds, and have declar'd in Favour of his moſt ſerene Highneſs the Biſhop of Oſnabrug. I am afraid that even the Soveraign Pontiff himſelf will not eſcape being cenſur'd for *Partiality* by Mr. G. if it happen, as all Men of Underſtanding infallibly expect, that his Holineſs grant a Bull conformable to the Deciſion made in the Congregation held the 23d of December.

Don't you think, Sir, a Man muſt be very warm, or have but few good Reaſons to alledge, when to diſcredit Judges of ſuch a Character as thoſe concern'd in this Matter, he takes up with a wild and groundleſs Accuſation, of their being of the *Bourbon*

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and Spanish Fellow, and such kind of Stuff, fit only to deceive for a few Days those who have not Capacity enough to discern the Motives that govern the Author of the *impartial* Letter. I could not forbear Laughing, when I saw, that to render the Integrity of Cardinal Casoni suspected, Mr. G. could find nothing to say, but that *his Eminency is engag'd in a close Friendship with Messieurs Plettenberg and Furstemberg.* Was ever any thing more silly? those two Gentlemen are so well known, and generally esteem'd at Rome as well as in their own Country, that it would be difficult, whatever Change were made in the Congregation, for them not to have some Friend in it among the Cardinals or the Prelates. 'Tis to be fear'd therefore, that in this Respect our Novelliſt will never want a Pretext for rejecting some one of the Judges that shall be against the Interests of the Party he espouses. What if he should happen to be one of those that made such pressing Instances at Rome, to hinder Cardinal Marescotti, a Man of Integrity if ever any Man was, from having a Place in that Congregation? An Exclusion of that Nature might with just Cause be complain'd of; especially seeing Cardinal Grimani, who on so many Occasion has shewn how much he is devoted to the Court of Vienna, to which he is beholding for his Purple, and on which he is absolutely dependant, was not excluded from judging of an Affair, in which he might be suspected of being both Judge and Party, by any that are capable of entertaining such unjust Sentiments as does the Novelliſt of Rome.

I don't understand what he means by his 12 *Voices absolutely in Favour of the Bishop of Osnabrug, against 5 absolute, 2 equivocal, and 7 conditional Votes, upon which the Pairs of Paderborn cry Victory*; nor by his *7 Voices that are defective if well consider'd, seeing 'tis necessary to supply their Deficiency.* All the rest of the Piece seems to me no less obscure; and I wonder the Partisans of the House of Lorrain should be weak enough to expose to the publick View such wretched Stuff so ill put together. I am &c.

A List of the Cardinals and Prelates that compos'd the consistorial Congregation held at Rome the 23d of December 1706, to give their Decision on the Election of Munster.

The Figures put before the Names shew the Order in which they voted.

The following 14 voted, that the Election of his Highness the Bishop of Paderborn ought to be confirm'd, as being legal and canonical, *without Condition, Ambiguity, or Equivocation.*

1. Monsigr. Passionei, Secretary of the consistorial Congregation. 2. Father Damasceno, a Franciscan, Consultor of the Holy Office. 6. Monsigr. Ottoboni, Nephew of Cardinal Ottoboni. 7. Monsigr. Corradini, his Holiness's Auditor. 8. M. Sergandi, Cardinal Ottoboni's Auditor. 15. Cardinal Panciatici. 16. Cardinal Gindice. 17. Cardinal Scripante. 20. Cardinal Pignatelli. 22. Cardinal Casoni. 23. Cardinal Tremouille. 24. Cardinal Panfili. 25. Cardinal Ottoboni. 29. Cardinal Priolo.

The following 6 gave their Voices in Favour of his most serene Highness the Bishop of Osnabrug, declaring that his Election ought to be confirm'd.

3. Monsigr. Beccherri, Sobdatary to the Pope. 5. Monsigr. Albani, the Pope's Nephew. 10. Monsigr. Nuzzi, Secretary of the Congregation of Bishops and Regulars. 11. Monsigr. Gozzadini Secretary of the Briefs to Princes. 27. Cardinal Alticle. 28. Cardinal Grimani.

The following 5 were for declaring the two Elections to be null, and for proceeding to a new one.

4. Monsigr. Olivieri, Secretary of the Briefs. 9. Monsigr. Ansaldi, Auditor of the Rota. 12. Cardinal Carpegna. 13. Cardinal Nerli. 18. Cardinal Paolucci.

26. Cardinal Imperiale, was for declaring the Election of the Bishop of Paderborn to be null, and for deferring to another time the Examination of that of the Bishop of Osnabrug.

14. Cardinal Spada, and 21. Cardinal Martelli, were not present in the Congregation.

Edinburgh, Jan. 15. Draught of an Act ratifying the Articles of Union, and the Act for Security of the Protestant Religion and Presbyterian Church Government, given in and offer'd to be read.

Whereupon it was moved, that the Parliament should first proceed to the Constitution of the manner of electing the Representatives of Scotland to the Parliament of Great Britain, and either now to determine the Matter, or to appoint a Diet for that End.

And after Debate the Vote was stated, proceed to the Ratification of the Articles of Union, and Act for Security of the Protestant Religion and Presbyterian Church Government, or to the Constitution of the manner of electing the Representatives for Scotland to the Parliament of Great Britain.

And before Voting it was agreed, that in case it shall carry to proceed to the Ratification, the Parliament will immediately after passing the Act of Ratification proceed to the Constitution of the Manner of electing the Representatives for Scotland.

Then the Vote was put, proceed to the Ratification or Constitution, and it carried Ratification.

Thereafter the Draught of the Act, ratifying and narrating the Articles of Union, as enlarg'd, explain'd and amended: And an Act for the Security of the Protestant Religion, and Presbyterian Church Government, was read.

And after some Discourse it was put to the Vote, mark a first reading, and accordingly a first reading was marked thereon.

Then the Parliament was Adjourn'd till to Morrow.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Thursday, the 23d of January, will be reviv'd the Tragedy of Mackbeth. With all the Vocal and Instrumental Musick compos'd by Mr. Leveridge, and perform'd by him and others. With Dancing by Monsieur du Ruel, Monsieur Chevalier, Monsieur du Bargues, and Mrs. Evans. And on Saturday next will be performed the Opera, call'd, Camilla.

By her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, this present Wednesday, being the 22d of January, will be presented a Play, call'd, The Rival Queens, with the Death of Alexander the Great. The part of Alexander by Mr. Verbruggen, Clytus by Mr. Booth, Hephestion by Mr. Bowen, Cassander by Mr. Husband, Statira by Mrs. Bracegirdle, Roxana by Mrs. Barry, Parisatis by Mrs Porter.

These Plays are Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Lintott next Mando's Coffee-House, Temple-bar.

AN Entertainment by Mr. CLINCH of BARNET, who imitates the Flute, Double Curtail, the Organ with 3 Voices, the Horn, Huntsman and Pack of Hounds, the Bass Doctor, the Old Woman, the Drunken Man, the Bells: All Instruments are perform'd by his natural Voice. To be seen this present Evening at 7 a Clock at the Rose Tavern in the Poultrey. Price 1 s.

For the Benefit of Mrs. Celett.

In York-Buildings, this present Wednesday, being the Twenty Second of January, will be perform'd a Consort of new Musick (Vocal and Instrumental) by the best Masters: With several Pieces for Trumpets, Hoboys, German Flutes, and Violins, beginning at Six of the Clock. Tickets may be had at Mr. Martin's at the Bagnio Coffee-House, and at the Door, at 5 s. each Ticket.

STolen the 11th Instant Two Bank Notes of said date, viz. No. 16. *payable to Captain Richard Rud for* 200 *l. and the other* No. 17. *payable to John Davis for* 100 *l. If offer'd in Payment pray stop them and acquaint Mr. Thomas Maddocks at the Bank of England, and you shall have 2 Guinea's per Cent Reward, Payment being stop'd at the Bank.*

A large Oval Silver Snuff Box, with a Coat of Arms a Scallop Shell, Engrav'd in a Cheyer, the inside gilt, lost about St. James's. Whoever brings it to Burton's Coffee-House in King-Street St. James's, shall have 5 s. Reward.

To be Sold by Auction, on Friday the 24th of this Instant January, the Houshold Goods of Mr. Rich. Bucckle Merchant deceas'd, at his late Dwelling-House in Leadenhall-street near the East-India-House. The Goods to be seen this day and to Morrow, and on the Day of Sale till 12 a Clock, where Catalogues are to be had.

This Day at 4 in the Afternoon, at the Temple-Change in Fleet-street, will begin the Sale of the late Sir Robert Thorolds French and Italian Books, being a curious Collection of the best modern Books in most Faculties, neatly bound and gilt backs, and a curious Collection of Italian Prints from Raphaell Urbin, by Marc Antonio and others, Annibale Carracio, Paulo Veronese, P. Calliarius, Lanfrancus, Titiano, &c. With the Jansonius Atlas, with the Flandria Illustrata of Ant. Sanderus in 10 Vol the Maps all curiously painted, and at the same time will be sold a noble Missale Romanum, Graduale Romanum, Breviare Romanum in 3 Vol. upon Imperial Paper bound in Russia Leather, and Sixtus Quintus Bible in 4to. Seaman Turkish Testament, and a very handsome Globe. The Sale to continue daily till all are Sold, Catalogues are deliver'd at the Place of Sale.

In Ayloff-street near Goodman's Fields is to be Let a very good and large Brick House, well Wainscoted, with a Garden and Counting-house therein, and also good Vaults and all other Conveniencies fit for a Merchant. Enquire at Mr. Robinson's and Mr. Arch's Bankers at the Globe in Lombard-street, or at Mr. Robinson's an Attorney in Aldersgate-street.

A New Copy-Book of the English, French, and Italian Capital Letters, done by Command of Hand, by Robert More, who succeeds Col. Ayres at the Hand and Pen in St. Paul's Church-yard, London. Sold by the Author, price 1 s. where may likewise be had The Writing Master's Assistant, a Copy-Book adorn'd with great Variety of Command of Hand, by the same Author, and a Preface by Col. Ayres, price 1 s. 6 d.

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